THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 25th March 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have included 35 questions in the list placed before the House to-day and I want to finish all these questions. I must also tell the House that questions pertaining to the Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, namely, questions Nos. 166 and 173 will be taken up tomorrow."

Capital for Andhra State.

* 159-A *Q.*—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU (on behalf of Sri T. Nagi Reddi) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras have recommended any town in Andhra as a temporary or permanent capital for the Andhra State ; and

(*b*) if so, will the Government place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir, and there is no report to be placed on the table of the House."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ముఖ్య. మంత్రిగారు తమ వ్యక్తిగత capacity లో ఏమైనా recommend చేశారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Apart from the fact that 'vyakthigatha' is not relevant, in the particular question about Nellore, no, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, did the Government of Madras recommend to the Central Government that under no circumstances Madras City should be made a temporary or permanent capital for Andhra? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I cannot answer the question in the public interest, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారు, ఈ ముఖ్య పట్టణము విషయంలో ఎక్కడైనా, ఏ సమావేశాలలోనైనా సరే, కాంగ్రెసు Working Committee లోనైనా సరే, వారు చెప్పినటువంటి అభిప్రాయము ఏమిటో తెలియజేస్తారా ? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is whether the Government have recommended any town in Andhra as a temporary or permanent capital. But the hon. Member is referring to what took place at meetings. I think it has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" నేను అడిగే ప్రశ్న అదేనండి. నేను చెప్పినది మీకు సరిగా అర్థంకాలేదు."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is about my general conduct in the world."

Capital for Andhra State.

* 159-B Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM (on behalf of Sri K. Govinda Rao) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government made any suggestion to the Government of India that Nellore should be the temporary capital of the future Andhra State; and

(*b*) if so, on what basis?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister said that if it be about Nellore, he did not write. ఇందాకా నెల్లూరు సంగతి నేను వ్రాయలేదని ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారు అన్నారు. అదికాకపోతే ఇంకోవూరు ఏదైనా వ్రాశారా?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I deprecate putting unnecessary questions, Sir. Government did not at all discuss this matter."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it the idea that the Andhra leaders have not got the capacity to find a capital of their own and they depend upon the intelligence of the Madras Government and the Chief Minister to find a capital for them?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" That has nothing to do with this question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The questions have been restricted to reports and recommendations of the Government of Madras and I think on the whole it is better to stick to that than to go to private conversations. The answer is definitely in the negative."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ఈ ఆంధ్ర ముఖ్యపట్టణమును గురించి మదరాసు ప్రభుత్వముగాని, ముఖ్యమంత్రిగాని ఏమైనా recommendation చేశారా?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" ఎవరండి? Government of Madras? No, Sir."